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HIGHLIGHTS

- There have been a total of 83 fires reported this year. All but one fire has been human caused. Total acreage burned is over 1,942 acres. There were 3 new fires reported. There are 9 active fires; 3 of them are located on military lands.
- Governor Sarah Palin has signed the proclamation declaring May 14-20, 2007 as Wildland Fire Prevention and Preparedness Week.
- Two AFS Hotshot Crews have been sent to Minnesota to assist in fighting
 the wildfires that have been ongoing for the last week. The first crew
 departed Saturday, and the second crew left on Sunday. The fires are
 located mainly in the northeast part of Minnesota. There have been
 reports of over 153 structures that have burned in the wildfires.
- A Red Flag Warning is issued for the northern and central interior of the state. The warning is in effect from noon to 10 PM today.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: http://fire.ak.blm.gov
 - Map of Current Fires: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php
 - o Situation Report: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf
- National Fire Situation: http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf
- Creating Defensible Space: http://firewise.org/ and http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/pdfs/02firewise.pdf
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, http://511.alaska.gov
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626, http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm
- National Parks Service: www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: http://www.fws.gov/fire/
- USDA Forest Service: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information:
 http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc
- Federal Aviation Administration: http://www.faa.gov